

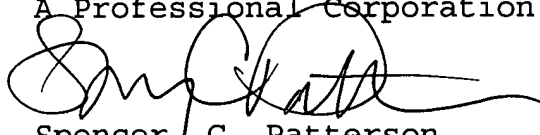
REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-15, 27-29, and 31-35 remain pending in the application. Independent claims 1 and 27 have been amended. For example, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the first and second devices transceive messages using radiofrequency signals at least when the first device has a remote location with respect to a range of the second device in the first communication mode. Claim 27 has been amended in a similar manner. The pending claims are shown in clean format above, and the amended claims are shown in marked-up form in the attached Appendix.

The Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application as amended and earnestly solicit an early Notice of Allowance.

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Appendix of Amended Claims

1. (Twice Amended) A communications system for secure wireless communications, said communications system comprising:
a first device having transceiving means therein for communicating in a first and a second communication mode; [and]
a second device, in wireless communication with said first device, said first and second devices wirelessly communicating in said first communication mode using an infrared signal and in said second communication mode using a radiofrequency signal, wherein said first and second devices transceive a plurality of messages therebetween in said second communication mode[,] at least when the first device has a remote location with respect to a range of the second device in the first communication mode; and

wherein, prior to transceiving a security message therebetween, said first and second devices switch transceiving to said first communication mode, and transmit said security message in said first communication mode.

27. (Twice Amended) A transceiving device for secure wireless communications in a communications system, said device comprising:

radiofrequency transceiving means for transceiving a plurality of radiofrequency transmissions within said communications system; [and]

infrared transceiving means for transceiving a plurality of infrared transmissions within said communications system, wherein said transceiving device switches transceiving

from said radiofrequency transceiving means to said infrared
transceiving means prior to the transmission of an infrared
security message within said communications system[.] ; and

wherein at least one of the plurality of radiofrequency
transmissions occurs when the transceiving device has a remote
location with respect to an infrared transceiving station in the
communications system.